

VII. *On a little-known species of Papilio from the Island of Lifu, Loyalty Group.* By the Hon. WALTER ROTHSCHILD, F.Z.S., F.E.S.

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PLATE IV.

Papilio Gelon, Boisd.

This *Papilio* is one of the *Sarpedon* group, and is in structure nearest to *P. mendana* of Malayta Island, Solomon Islands.

On the upper surface the male is deep black, with a velvety sheen. On the fore wings the type-specimen has three small green dots between the third and fifth median nervules. The hind wings have a green band composed of four longitudinal spots situated as in *Sarpedon*. On the under side the fore wings are dull black, powdered with yellow scales, and with a metallic-brown sheen near the outer margin; there are three white spots between the fourth and fifth median nervules, and the costal and median veins are for half their length of a bright green colour. Hind wings chestnut-brown, with darker shading, and crossed by a narrow greenish white band one-third of the length from the base; all veins being green at their basal origin. Shape similar to *P. Evemon*.

Female greyish brown on the upper surface. Fore wings with a border of small yellowish spots about an eighth of an inch from the margin. One green spot on the costa about two-thirds the length from the base, and one similar between the costal and median veins. Hind wings with three small oblong blotches of whitish green in the place of the band in the male, the under side exactly as in the male, only the band of spots on the upper surface of fore wings shows through, and there are two green spots in the place of the band on the hind wings.

In a second specimen of the male the green band on the hind wings is continued across the front wings, showing that this species varies in the same manner as *P. semifasciata* of China and Japan.

Expanse, ♂ $2\frac{1}{2}$ in., ♀ 3 in.

Hab. Lifu Island, Loyalty Group.

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EXPLANATION OF PLATE IV.

- FIG. 1. *Papilio Gelon*, ♂.
2. Variety of *Papilio Gelon*, ♂.
3. *Papilio Gelon*, ♀.
4. Under side of *Papilio Gelon*, ♂.